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SUBJECT: MPLA TAKES OVER CABINDA CITY, FNLA FLEEING, AMCIT

PILOT TAKEN PRISONER WHEN GULF EVACUATION EFFORT THWARTED

1. AFTER FIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF JUNE 3-4 MPLA APPEARS TO BE IN CONTROL OF CABINDA CITY. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT MPLA TROOPS ARE HUNTING DOWN AND SHOOTING FNLA STRAGGLERS AND CIVILIAN SYMPATHIZERS IN AND AROUND THE CITY.

2. ON JUNE 3 GULF WAS ABLE TO EVACUATE BY SEA APPROX 100-150

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REFUGEES (EMPLOYEES' FAMILIES, SOME CIVILIANS UNCONNECTED

WITH GULF) FROM CABINDA CITY TO ITS CAMP AT MALONGO.
(IT IS SORTING THEM OUT AND WILL TRANSPORT AS MANY AS
POSSIBLE TO THE ANGOLAN MAINLAND.) HOWEVER A SECOND TRIP
AM OF JUNE 4 WAS STOPPED WHEN MPLA REFUSED TO LET THE BOAT
TIE UP AND THE PEOPLE BOARD. THE GULF BOAT WAS FIRED AT
BUT LEFT UNHARMED. IN THE CONFUSION AMCIT HELICOPTER PILOT
TONY WINDAM WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY MPLA. GULF IS NEGOTIATING
IN CABINDA FOR HIS RELEASE.

3. MPLA HAS GIVEN TENTATIVE APPROVAL FOR ANOTHER EVACUATION
TRIP FROM CABINDA TO MALONGO BUT GULF IS NOT CONFIDENT IT
WILL BE HONORED.

4. RE WINDAM: WE ARE CONTACTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND
MPLA TO ARRANGE HIS RELEASE. HE IS NOT REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN
HURT.
PORTER

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